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In re Application of:

BOHLMANN, Rolf, et. al.

Examiner: BADIO, Barbara P.

Serial No.: 10/018,429

Group Art Unit: 1616

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Title: 11β LONG-CHAIN SUBSTITUTED ESTRATRIENES, METHOD FOR THEIR PRODUCTION, PHARMACEUTICAL PREPARATIONS CONTAINING SAID 11β LONG-CHAIN SUBSTITUTED ESTATRIENES, AND THEIR USE FOR PRODUCING MEDICAMENTS.

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated June 19, 2003, Applicants hereby elect with traverse Group I, claim(s) 1-8 (in part), drawn to compounds of formula I wherein A is a direct bond and B is a straight-chain or branched chain alkylene, alkenylene or alkinylene group with 4, 5 or 6 carbon atoms; pharmaceutical preparations and use thereof.

Applicants traverse this requirement because the Examiner has not established that searching all groups of the claims would constitute an undue burden.

Applicants elect with traverse the following species:

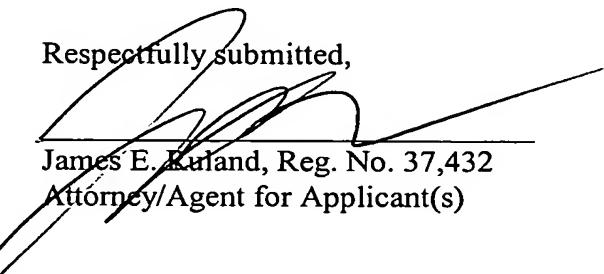
11β -[5-(Methyl{3-[$(4,4,5,5,5$ -pentafluoropentyl)sulfanyl]-propyl}amino)pentyl]estr-1,3,5(10)-triene-3, 17β -diol.

Applicants traverse this election requirement on the basis that the Examiner has not provided any evidence that an undue searching burden would be necessary to search the full scope of the claims.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, and 8 read upon the elected group.

No fee is believed to be due with this response, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,


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